Categorisation of **PSUs**

3127. SHRI AHMED PATEL : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have categorised its PSEs into strategic and non-strategic PSEs;

(b) if so, the details of PSEs in each of the categories;

(c) whether Government have decided to sell out most of the non-strategic PSEs; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) and (b) As of now, the PSEs in the the following areas have been classified as strategic :

(i) Arms and ammunitions and allied with defence equipment, defence aircraft and warships.

(ii) Atomic energy-except in the areas related to the generation of nuclear power and applications of radio-isotopes to agriculture medicine and non-strategic industries.

(iii) Railway transport.

(c) and (d) Government have decided that in non-strategic PSEs Government equity will be reduced to 26% or less consistent with Government's policy of disinvestment.

Praga Tools Ltd.

3128. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Praga Tools Ltd. of 1943 has started incurring losses;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether workers' Union is demanding its transfer back to the Defence sector for technological upgradation; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?